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1. Bulgarian civil aviation is organized as a Bulgarian-Soviet society named TABSO (Transportno-Aviatsionno Bulgaro-Suvetsko Obshtestvo; Bulgaro-Soviet Air Transport Affiliation), which controls only domestic lines. TABSO uses two-engine Soviet-type Douglas planes. At present there are the following domestic flights:
 - a. Sofia, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, Ruse (possibly), Varna, and return;
 - b. Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, and return; and
 - c. Varna, Burgas, and return.
2. The planes are filled to capacity for each trip and for this reason it costs little to travel by air. A ticket from Sofia to Varna costs as little as a second-class ticket on the train, i.e., 3,000 leva. Each plane is first boarded by a police agent who subjects the passengers and their baggage to a minute examination in an attempt to discover firearms.

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